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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</p>	Application Number	09/825,925
	Filing Date	April 5, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Samuel RAHBAR
	Group Art Unit	1624
	Examiner Name	V. Balasubramanian
	Attorney Docket Number	1954-373

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ After Final Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Terminal Disclaimer

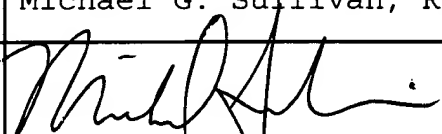
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e) (\$370.00)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$460.00)
- iii. ☒ Other: \$ 55.00 (Terminal Disclaimer)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

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